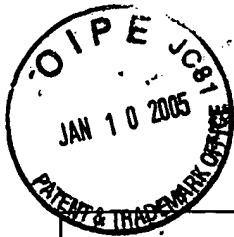


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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: **1714**

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Examiner: **Kriellion A. Sanders**

APPLICATION NO: **09/912,139**

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PETITION UNDER RULE 313

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Petition to the Commissioner to withdraw the instant application from issue:

The following facts apply:

1) The issue fee was timely paid for this application with a transmittal form mailed to the PTO on May 27, 2004.

2) On July 19, 2004, Examiner Sanders informed the undersigned Agent of a printing problem due to improper drawings being present.

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3) An Express Abandonment for this application was faxed to the PTO with a Certificate of Facsimile on December 14, 2004.

4) A continuation application was filed on July 20, 2004, app. No. 10/894,773, in order to correct the drawings.

Applicants petition the Commissioner to withdraw the present application from issue.

The help of the PTO in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please charge deposit account No. 03-1935 the amount indicated in 37 CFR 1.17(h), \$130.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Respectfully submitted,



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